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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jonathan D. Schlaifer

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/21/01, 4/1/02.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is responsive to: Application 09/917,435 filed on 7/27/2001.
2. Claims 1-20 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 9, and 16 are independent claims.

#### ***Claim Objection***

3. Claim 10 objected to because of the following informalities: In line 8 of the claim, "customize" should be "customize if". Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1, 9, and 16 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These claims fail to specifically state whether it is the method/system/program on a computer-readable medium that is executable by a web browser, or the web page/web application/input form. For purposes of examination, it has been assumed that the web page/web application/input form that is executable by the web browser, though this matter should be clarified by amendment.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. **Claims 1-2, 7-11, 14-16, and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being rejected over Towers, J. Tarin (Dreamweaver 2 for Windows and Macintosh, 1999, Peachpit Press), hereinafter Towers.**
6. **Regarding independent claim 1,** A method for developing a web page executable by a web browser (on page ix, Towers reveals that Dreamweaver is a web page development environment), the method comprising the steps of: opening a visual development environment (Towers opens a visual development window on page 4), wherein the visual development environment includes a visual representation of the web page under development (the visual development window on p. 4 contains a representation of the page); selecting a field from a plurality of field types to be included in the web page (fields may be selectively added on page 142); inserting the selected field into the visual development environment (fields may be selectively added on page 142); customizing a visual appearance of the inserted field using a visual editor of the visual development environment (Towers describes a field property editor on page 145); customizing dynamic behavior of the inserted field using at least one additional visual editor of the visual development environment (fields are given dynamic behavior on page 233); repeating the steps of selecting a field, inserting the selected field, customizing a visual appearance of the inserted field, and customizing dynamic behavior of the inserted field until all fields are included in the web page (on page 141, Towers shows a completed form generated using this process); and generating, in a single file, program code executable by a web browser to implement the visual appearance and dynamic behavior

of the selected fields inserted into the visual development environment (Towers generates a code file for a web page on page 18).

7. **Regarding dependent claim 2**, Towers discloses incorporating each inserted field into the visual representation of the web page, the incorporating of each inserted field includes incorporating the customizations to the visual appearance of the inserted field and incorporating the customizations to the dynamic behavior of the inserted field (fields may be selectively added on page 142); and displaying an updated visual representation of the web page after the step of incorporating each inserted field into the visual representation of the web page (on page ix, Towers reveals that Dreamweaver is a WYSIWYG web page development environment).
8. **Regarding dependent claim 7**, Towers discloses the step of customizing a visual appearance of the inserted field further comprises the steps of: customizing the location of the inserted field in the web page (on page 139, Towers uses a table to customize field placement); and customizing the size of the inserted field in the web page (on page 145, Towers changes the size of a field).
9. **Regarding dependent claim 8**, Towers discloses the step of generating program code, in a single file, executable by a web browser comprises the steps of: instantiating an object for each inserted field (this is inherent because they are form objects, as per page 140), each object being instantiated from a corresponding field type of the inserted field (this is inherent because they are form objects, as per page 140) and including the customizations to the visual appearance of the inserted field (this would be necessary to maintain the individuality of the object, as per page 140) and the customizations to the dynamic

behavior of the inserted field (the dynamic behavior of the field is changed on page 229); providing a control engine to execute each instantiated object (when the dynamic behavior of the field is changed, this inherently includes a control engine to execute the instantiated objects; and generating at least one of HTML code and Javascript code to implement each instantiated object, the control engine and the plurality of field types (on page ix, Towers states that it is an HTML tool, implying that HTML code is generated to reflect the page contents).

10. **Regarding independent claim 9**, it is a system designed to perform a subset of the method of claim 1. The material in the claim about the server may be rejected using the remote site information of Towers in pages 354-355. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 1.
11. **Regarding dependent claim 10**, it is a system designed to perform a further subset of the method of claim 1. The visual editors used to create forms are detailed on pages 140-142. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 1.
12. **Regarding dependent claim 11**, it is a system designed to perform the method of claim 2. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 2.
13. **Regarding dependent claim 14**, it is a system designed to perform the method of claim 7. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 7.
14. **Regarding dependent claim 15**, it is a system designed to perform the method of claim 8. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 8.

15. **Regarding independent claim 16**, it is a computer-readable medium with instructions designed to perform the method of claim 1. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 1.
16. **Regarding dependent claim 18**, it is a computer-readable medium with instructions designed to perform the method of claim 7. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 7.
17. **Regarding dependent claim 19**, it is a computer-readable medium with instructions designed to perform subset of the method of claim 8. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 8.
18. **Regarding dependent claim 20**, it is a computer-readable medium with instructions designed to perform subset of the method of claim 8. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 8.
19. **Claims 3-4, 6, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Towers, further in view of Boezeman et al. (USPN 5,758,093—filing date 3/29/1996), hereinafter Boezeman.**
20. **Regarding dependent claim 3**, Towers discloses the step of customizing dynamic behavior of the inserted field comprises the steps of: providing a visual editor for defining properties of the inserted field in response to the selection of at least one particular field type of the plurality of field types (a properties dialog is disclosed on page 145); and providing a visual editor for defining control operations for the inserted field in response to the selection of at least one particular field type of the plurality of field types (on page 233, there is an editor for control operations). Towers fails to disclose providing a visual

editor for defining error conditions for the inserted field in response to the selection of at least one particular field type of the plurality of field types. However, Boezeman discloses an graphical editor which controls error conditions in col. 5, line 55—col. 6, line 5. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to integrate Boezeman's graphical editor of error conditions into Towers into facilitate synchronization (see col. 5, lines 55-60).

21. **Regarding dependent claim 4**, Towers discloses the step of customizing dynamic behavior of the inserted field further comprises the step of defining a plurality of states for the inserted field with the visual editor for defining properties, each state of the plurality of states having a corresponding set of properties for the inserted field (the Properties editor on page 145-146 sets attributes for the fields).
22. **Regarding dependent claim 6**, Towers and Boezeman fail to specifically disclose the step of customizing dynamic behavior of the inserted field further comprises the step of defining at least one error condition for the inserted field with the visual editor for defining error conditions. However, the combined invention of Towers and Boezeman has the capability of defining error conditions, and it is beneficial to define error conditions because it prepares the web page for contingencies. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to define at least one error condition because it would have prepared the web page for contingencies.
23. **Regarding dependent claim 12**, it is a system designed to perform the method of claim 3. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to claim 3.



24. **Claims 5, 13, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Towers, further in view of Boezeman, further in view of Agarwal et al. (USPN 4,713,754—filing date 10/9/1984), hereinafter Agarwal.**
25. **Regarding dependent claim 5,** Towers discloses said step of customizing dynamic behavior of the inserted field further comprises the step of: defining events for the inserted field and defining corresponding actions for each defined event with the visual editor for defining control operations (on page 233, responses to various events are defined within Towers). However Towers and Boezeman fail to disclose defining dependencies between the inserted field and other inserted fields with the visual editor for defining control operations. However, Agarwal discloses that fields may be interrelated on col. 2, lines 15-40, and it was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention that in a visual environment such as Dreamweaver, editing would occur in a visual manner. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to allow visual establishment of field dependencies in the manner of Agarwal in the context of Towers and Boezeman in order to facilitate processing of events where fields have a relationship to each other.
26. **Regarding dependent claim 13,** it is a system designed to perform a method combining the limitations of claims 4-6. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to these claims.
27. **Regarding dependent claim 17,** it is a computer-readable medium with instructions designed to perform a method combining the limitations of claims 4-6. It is rejected under essentially similar rationale to these claims.

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***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

USPN 6,304,886 B1 (filing date 6/19/1998)—Bernardo et al.

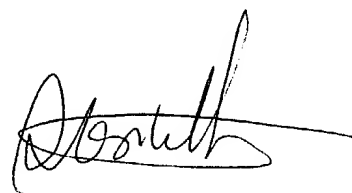
USPN 6,263,352 B1 (filing date 11/14/1997)—Cohen

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan D. Schlaifer whose telephone number is (571) 272-4129. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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